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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Agriculture was scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) SR 87 – Reported with Recommendation
- 2) SR 59 – Reported S-1 Recommendation
- 3) SB 239 – Reported S-1 with recommendation and immediate effect
- 4) SB 477 – Reported with recommendation and immediate effect

Chairman Hune called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Hune (C), Green, Schmidt, Booher, and Johnson

Excused: None

Senator Green made a motion to adopt the minutes from May 7, 2015. Being no objection the motion prevailed.

The Chair invited Senator Robertson's staff to summarize SR 87 for the committee.

The following individual gave testimony regarding SR 87:

- Joel Phelps, Great Lakes Pork – Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding SR 87 but did not wish to speak:

- Mary Kelpinski, MI Pork Producers Assoc. – Support
- Rebecca Park, MI Farm Bureau – Support
- George Quackenbush, MI Cattlemen's Assoc. – Support
- Tony Des Chenes, Potato Growers of MI – Support
- Justin Clement, MI Soybean Assoc. – Support

- Val Vail-Shirey, MI Allied Poultry Industries – Support
- Peter Lemmer, Greenstone FCS – Support
- Becky Whaley, Greenstone FCS - Support

Senator Booher made a motion to report Senate Resolution 87 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Yeas: Senators Hune (C), Green, Schmidt, Booher

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Green summarized SR 59 for the committee.

The following individual gave testimony regarding SR 59:

- Andrea Cascarilla, Coalition for Safe Affordable Food - Supporty

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding SR 59 but did not wish to speak:

- Val Vail-Shirey, MI Allied Poultry Industries - Support
- Jason Wadga, MI Sugar Company - Support
- Scott Robbins, MI Forest Products Council - Support
- Maureen Watson-Bolger, MI Corn - Support
- Derek Bajema, MI Soft Drink Assoc. - Support
- Randy Ettema, DuPont - Support
- Tanisha Sanders, Kellogg Company - Support
- Dr. Stephen Rapundalo, MichBio - Support
- Bonnie Bochniak, MI Food & Beverage Assoc. - Support
- Justin Clement, MI Soybean Association - Support
- Tony Des Chenes, Potato Growers of MI - Support
- Justin Winslow, MI Restaurant Assoc. - Support
- Rebecca Park, MI Farm Bureau - Support
- Becky Whaley, Greenstone FCS – Support
- Peter Lemmer, Greenstone FCS - Support

Senator Green made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Resolution 59.

Yeas: Senators Hune (C), Green, Schmidt, Booher

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Schmidt made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Resolution 59.

Yeas: Senators Hune (C), Green, Schmidt, Booher

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chair invited Senator Robertson's staff to summarize SB 239 for the committee.

The following individuals gave testimony regarding SB 239:

- John Lindley, Best Friends Animal Society, Support
- Richard Angelo, Best Friends Animal Society, Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding SB 239 but did not wish to speak:

- Peter Lemmer, Greenstone FCS - Support
- Becky Whaley, Greenstone FCS - Support
- Dr. Robert Fisher, MI Humane Society - Support
- Michelle Spranger, Detroit Bully Corps - Support
- Jennifer Clarkson, Dog Aig Community Awareness - Support
- Courtney Protz-Sanders, MI PAC for Animals - Support
- Vicki Deisner, ASPCA – Support
- The Animal Law Section of the State Bar of MI – No position
- Matt Blakely, MI Department of Ag and Rural Development – No position

Senator Schmidt made a motion to adopt the Robertson amendment to Senate Bill 239

Yeas: Senators Hune (C), Green, Schmidt, Booher, Johnson

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Green made a motion to report Senate Bill 239 as amended

Yeas: Senators Hune (C), Green, Schmidt, Booher, Johnson

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chair made a motion for immediate effect. Without objection, immediate effect was granted.

The Chair requested a clean sub from LSB.

Senator Green summarized Senate Bill 477 for the committee.

The following individual gave testimony regarding SB 477:

- Matt Blakely, MI Dept. of Ag & Rural Development – Support
- Terry Philbeck, MI Dept. of Ag & Rural Development – Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding SB 477 but did not wish to speak:

- Ken Nobis, MI Milk Producers Assoc. – Support
- Rebecca Park, MI Farm Bureau – Support
- Peter Lemmer, Greenstone FCS – Support
- Becky Whaley, Greenstone FCS – Support

Senator Green made a motion to report Senate Bill 477

Yeas: Senators Hune (C), Green, Schmidt, Booher, Johnson

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 477. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Being no further business before the Committee, The Chairman adjourned the Agriculture meeting without objection at 9:52 a.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: